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Benton County massage therapist suspended for alleged inappropriate touching

OLYMPIA – State health officials suspended the license of Benton County massage therapist Kyle Stephen Pierce (MA.60216293) pending further legal action.

Charges state Pierce inappropriately touched the breasts of patients’ while providing massage. Pierce is charged with four counts of felony indecent liberties, class B felonies in Benton County Superior Court.

The suspension prohibits Pierce from practicing as a massage therapist in Washington in order to protect patient safety and public health. He has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link on [Provider Credential Search](#) on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call this number and report their complaint.

The Department of Health and Board of Massage protect and promote public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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